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Commission Hearing on Chechnya Time Changed

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Washington, DC—The Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe hearing announced for 10:00 a.m. on March 13 has been changed to:

The Future of Chechnya

******* 11:00 a.m.-12:30 noon *******

Thursday, March 13

Room SD-538, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC

Open to the Public and Press

The witness will be:

Ambassador Tim Guldemann, Head of the OSCE Assistance Group in Chechnya since January, 1996. Ambassador Guldemann helped negotiate the cease-fire between the Russian and Chechen forces, and oversaw the OSCE's monitoring of the first multi-party presidential and parliamentary elections in the region. Subsequently declared *persona non grata* by the outgoing administration, he has since resumed his duties as Head of Mission in Grozny. Previously, Guldemann served as Deputy Head of the Swiss Delegation to the European Union negotiations on research and education, and as Head of the Foreign Affairs Division in the Staff of the Swiss Science Agency in the Federal Ministry of Home Affairs. During service in the Swiss Diplomatic Service he served in Berne, Geneva, and Cairo. He is the author of several books and manuscripts on geopolitical matters.